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SUBJ: POSTPONEMENT OF BA-MFM

REFS: STATE 21494; SANTIAGO 613; SANTIAGO 477

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE. WHEN I SAW FONMIN CARVAJAL JAN 28, I HANDED HIM TEXT OF DEPT'S STATEMENT ON POSTPONEMENT OF BA-MFM, AND WE TRANSMITTED SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS TO HIM JAN 29.

2. PUBLIC GOC REACTION CAME IN PINOCHET PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 28. PRESIDENT SAID HE THOUGHT MFM SHOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN SUCCESSFUL RESULTS CAN BE ASSURED AND A PROSPECT OFFERED OF IMPROVED HARMONY, "BOTH REGIONAL AND INTER-AMERICAN."

2. PRIVATE REACTION IS AS INDICATED BY FONMIN CARVAJAL IN SANTIAGO REFTEL. CHILEANS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT DIALOGUE CONTINUE. CHILE WANTS US TO KNOW THAT IT IS NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THE PRESSURE TACTICS SO BLATANTLY USED BY SOME OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES, ALTHOUGH AS THE POSITION OF THEIR OAS DELEGATE AMB TRUCCO INDICATES THEY WILL NOT DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM A  
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SOLID HEMISPHERE BLOC. THEY OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOME LINGERING

SUSPICION THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CIPEC MIGHT SOME DAY PREJUDICE THEIR ACCESS TO GSP UNDER THE TRADE REFORM ACT, BUT AS THEY READ OUR STATEMENTS TO DATE THEY ASSUME THERE IS NO PRESENT PROSPECT OF THIS HAPPENING.

4. ALTHOUGH THE BAN ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WAS A HARD BLOW, CHILEANS HAVE NOT REACTED WITH RANCOR. THEY WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO HAVE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG; THE LIMITING FACTOR IS OUR DESIRE AND WILLINGNESS TO RECIPROCATATE, NOT ANYTHING ON THEIR SIDE. THEY WOULD HOPE THAT OUR REACTION TO THE FLAK WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES WILL NOT BE SO INDISCRIMINATE AS TO MAKE THINGS TOUGHER FOR THEM.

5. LET ME SAY PERSONALLY THAT I THINK YOU ARE EXACTLY RIGHT IN SUSPENDING MOST ONGOING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE "NEW DIALOGUE" UNTIL THE EMOTIONAL BINGE VISIBLE IN SOME PARTS OF THE HEMISPHERE HAS PLAYED ITSELF OUT, AND WE CAN SEE WHAT SHOULD COME NEXT. I HOPE YOU WILL KEEP US IN THE FIELD AS WELL INFORMED AS POSSIBLE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPT'S THINKING.  
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